

## Message Text

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O 161344Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 566  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRAZZAVILLE 0616

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, MOPS, CASC, CG, CF, US, AG, UR, LY, CU, AO  
SUBJECT: SHABA INCURSIONS

1. CHARGE MET WITH ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR ATEMBINA-TE-BOMBO, MAY 16. ATEMBINA-TE-BOMBO MADE FERVENT PLEA FOR US ASSISTANCE, CITING ALGERIA, LIBYA, USSR, AND CUBA AS INVOLVED IN KOLWEZI STRIKE.
2. ATEMBINA-TE-BOMBO SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED WARM RECEPTION FROM ACTING CONGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER TATI-LOUTARD, WHO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SHABA DEVELOPMENTS. ATEMBINA-TE-BOMBO ADDED THAT PRESIDENT YHOMBY-OPANGO HAD PHONED BRAZZAVILLE FROM CONTONOU MID-MORNING MAY 15 WITH INSTRUCTIONS WHICH LED TO CALLING OF MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING LATER IN MORNING, AND DESPATCH,  
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MORNING OF MAY 16 OF INTERIOR MINISTER KATALI TO LUANDA, WITH PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE. MILITARY COMMITTEE MEMBER EBAKA HAS REQUESTED MEETING TO CALL ON MOBUTU, ALSO WITH MESSAGE FROM YHOMBY-OPANGO.

3. ATEMBINA-TE-BOMBO STRESSED AT SEVERAL JUNCTURES THE WARM RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN CONGO AND ZAIRE. HE ALSO

OBSERVED THAT CONGOLESE HAD DECIDED NOT TO HAVE CONGOLESE  
AMBASSADOR TO KINSHASA TRAVEL WITH PRESIDENTIAL POLITICAL  
ADVISOR EKONDY TO MEET YHOMBY IN BENIN.  
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